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In re U.S. Patent Application of )

TILLIM )

Art Unit 3731

Application Number: 10/829,346 )

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Truong, Kevin T.

For: HANDLE FOR FORCEPS/TWEEZERS AND METHOD )  
AND APPARATUS FOR DESIGNING THE LIKE )

Attorney Docket No. TILL.0006 )

Honorable Assistant Commissioner  
for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**COVER LETTER**

Sir:

[x] The fee for submission of claims is calculated as shown below:

| FOR   | TOTAL WITH<br>NEW CLAIMS<br>ADDED | TOTAL<br>CURRENTLY ON<br>FILE | CLAIMS PAID      | RATE    | CALCULATION |
|---|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|---------|-------------|
| Total Claims  | 51                                | 51                            | -XX<br>(Over 20) | x \$18  | 0           |
| Independent<br>Claims   | 2                                 | 2                             | -XX<br>(Over 3)  | x \$88  | 0           |
| MULTIPLE<br>DEPENDENT<br>CLAIM(S)   |                                   |                               |                  | + \$300 | 0           |
| REDUCTION FOR FILING BY SMALL ENTITY (note 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9, 1.27, 1.28).<br>IF APPLICABLE, VERIFIED STATEMENT MUST BE ATTACHED |                                   |                               |                  | x ½     |             |
|   |                                   |                               |                  | TOTAL   | 0.00        |

In addition, the below-identified communications are submitted in the above-captioned application or proceeding:

[ x ] Response to Office Action  
(with Claim Amendments)

[ ] Substitute Specification

[ ] Preliminary Amendment

[ ] Other \_\_\_\_\_

[ ] Petition for Extension of Time

[ ] Terminal Disclaimer

[ ] Letter to Draftsperson

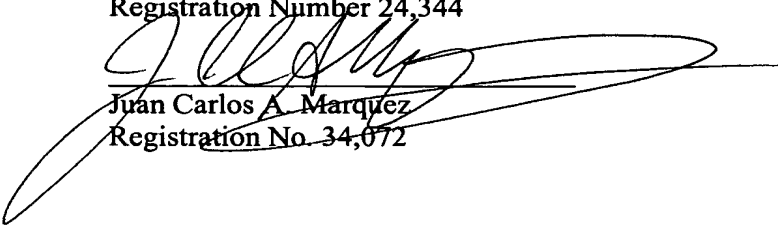
[ ] Assignment

[ ] Petition under \_\_\_\_\_

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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office action dated October 25, 2004, the shortened period of response to which is set to expire on November 25, 2004.

Applicant hereby elects the continuing prosecution of the species of Figures 3A and 3B, without traverse.

As to the requirement to identify the claims readable on the elected species, the following claims are readable on the elected species of Figures 3A and 3B: Claims 1, 2, 5-12, 18-23, 28-31, 33-35, 44-45, and 50-51. Applicant further respectfully submits that Claims 1, 2, 5-12, 18-23, 28-31, 33-35, 44-45, and 50-51 are also readable on other of the species identified in paragraph 1 of the Office action of October 25, 2004 in addition to reading on the elected species of Figures 3A and 3B.

Also, Applicant respectfully submits that independent Claims 1 and 44 presently are generic claims as to all species identified in paragraph 1 of the Office action of October 25, 2004.

Also, preliminary to examination, Applicant hereby requests entry of the following amendments to the above-identified application.